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Inventor: Hsieh, Chia-Ta et al.  
Examiner: Loke, Steven Ho Yin  
Art Unit: 2811  
Title: A Method To Increase The Coupling Ratio of Word  
Line To Floating Gate By Lateral Coupling In Stacked-  
Gate Flash

### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 06/18/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of the paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.